

Harding Lake Campground Rehabilitation Phase 3**FY2008 Request: \$230,000**
Reference No: AMD40004**AP/AL:** Allocation**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Harding Lake**House District:** Richardson/Glenn Highways**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2008**Appropriation:** State Parks Maintenance Projects**Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance**Contact:** Nico Bus**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Harding Lake Campground is located in the 169 acre Harding Lake State Recreation Area, MP 321.4 of the Richardson Highway. Due to its proximity to Fairbanks and its association with the recreational opportunities at Harding Lake, the 81 unit campground is heavily used during the warm summer months. The late 1970, early 1980 vintage campground is in dire need of a major upgrade to replace worn facilities. The project would refurbish the campsites, upgrade the campground roads and parking areas, and replace the toilets and water wells.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Gen Fund	\$230,000						\$230,000
Total:	\$230,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$230,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA06/CH82 - \$200,000

FSSLA05/CH3 - \$200,000

Project Description/Justification:

Alaska Statute 41.21.020 states that one of the duties of the Department of Natural Resources is to maintain state parks and recreation areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. While Parks is able to do minor repairs and painting to annually maintain Park facilities, these facilities have been steadily declining. Rehabilitation of campgrounds require specific funding through the capital process. Construction contracts for repairs will provide private sector jobs. Many repairs, such as to cabins, volunteer housing, and picnic shelters can and will be done with volunteer labor.

Harding Lake SRS was established in 1967. All together there are over 90 campsites, including five walk-in group campsites. The park also has numerous picnic sites and two picnic shelters. In addition, areas have been set aside for activities such as baseball, volleyball and horseshoes with equipment available at the ranger station. Hiking along nature trails is another activity available at Harding Lake SRA.

A boat launch facility gives access to the lake for those having canoes, motorized boats, jet skis or other watercraft. Activities around this boat launch provide the state with over \$20.0 in annual revenue.

Why is this Project Needed Now:

Phase I In Progress

Volunteer Host Site	Upgrade and move to campground to include power and water.
Ranger Station	Rehabilitate ranger station/insulation.
Garage/Shop	Stain exterior, repair/upgrade heat system.
Entrance Station	Upgrade entrance, traffic control, and appearance.
Picnic Tables	Replace 50 tables.
Drinking Water System	Pressurize campground well and meet ADEC requirements.
RV Dump	Recondition and meet ADEC requirements.
Drinking Water System	Replace dry well near beach and install new well in back camp loop.
Visitor Signing	Replace/install directional and public information signs.
Day-Use Parking	Rehabilitate day-use parking areas; reconstruct for weekday camping.
Fireplaces	Replace 50 broken fireplaces.
ADA Audit/Transition Plan	Perform ADA audit and prepare transition plan.
ADA Access	Modify park facilities to meet ADA guidelines.

Phase II In Progress

Toilet Replacement	Replace four old toilets with ADA accessible SSTs.
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Phase III FY 2008

North Loop Campground (36 sites) and Loop Road Rehabilitation	Grade, surface, extend campsites, tent pads, recondition campground loop, replace bumper logs.
Boat Ramp	Lengthen and widen substandard boat ramp.

Specific Spending Detail:

This project will begin to address the specific maintenance and repair needs of Harding Lake State Recreation Area:

Repairs will be accomplished by force account using State Park maintenance staff and procured materials, and by construction contracting. Force account work is typically 50 percent labor and 50 percent materials. Construction contracting is typical 20 percent design, procurement, and contract administration and 80 percent contractual cost.

Line Item Expenditures:

FY08

Personal Services	\$ 50.6
Travel	\$ 4.6
Services	\$161.0
Commodities	<u>\$ 13.8</u>
	\$230.0

Project Support:

State Park visitors, Alaska Travel Industry Alliance, Alaska Wilderness Recreation Tourism Association, State Park Advisory Boards, local Chambers of Commerce, recreational user groups, and highway travelers, 78.7% of the individuals surveyed statewide for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.